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the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age is expected to increase from 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion. The number of people aged 65 and over is expected to increase from 200 million to 400 million. The number of people aged 15 and over is expected to increase from 3.5 billion to 4.5 billion. The number of people aged 15 and over is expected to increase from 3.5 billion to 4.5 billion. The number of people aged 15 and over is expected to increase from 3.5 billion to 4.5 billion.

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Over-all production in the light industry for 1948 exceeded that of 1939 by 51 percent. Capital goods production, which dropped to 59.4 percent in 1944 in comparison with 1939, increased to 66 percent of the 1939 standard in 1948, and to 106.6 percent of the 1944 standard in 1948. Industrial enterprises under the Ministry of Industry fulfilled the half-year plan 103.4 percent; industrial production for the first half of 1949 was 37.3 percent more than that of the same period last year. The labor productivity plan for the third quarter of 1949 has been fulfilled 102.6 percent.

In 1947 the sowed area was increased by 5 million decarees compared with 1940, and in 1948 - 1949 by 900,000 decarees. The state is settling 127,000 families on 1,252,000 decarees. Tractors increased in 1949 by 834 compared with 1947, tractor plows by 2,137, and tractor binders by 649. By 31 July 1949, 1,594 farm workers' cooperatives were formed, with 146,583 households and 5,324,693 decarees of cooperative land. Machine tractor stations have increased from five in 1945 to 71 at the present time. The farm workers' cooperatives have demonstrated their superiority over private farms. (The cooperative in Saurens village near Vratsa obtained 370 kilograms of wheat per decare; Khasredin village near Orzakhovo obtained 325 kilograms per decare; Zdravets village near Isperikh, 480 kilograms of barley per decare; Mirovtsi village near Novopazar obtained 416 kilograms of maize per decare.)

The cooperative movement is developing widely in the artisan field. By 9 September 1944 there were 49 artisan cooperatives in the country with 1,162 members, but they were chiefly jointly owned companies. In 1948 there were about 1,800 worker-producer artisan cooperatives.

The progress of the national economy is indicated by the yearly increase in capital investments, which totaled 32 billion leva in 1947 and 43 billion leva in 1948. During the next 5 years, according to the plan, the annual figure is expected to reach 85 billion leva.

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30 CITIES HAVE STATE STORES -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 233, 1 Sep 49

Narmag stores have now been opened in 30 cities in Bulgaria, and they will be opened in 12 more during the present year. The purchase plan for the first 6 months has been fulfilled 102.40 percent and the sales plan 84.47 percent. The nonfulfillment of the sales plan is explained by the fact that certain quantities of stock have been held up in distributing centers, and by the delay in hiring workers on the part of the General Workers' Professional Union.

During the first half of 1949 the operating expenses were reduced 5.19 percent for all enterprises, instead of the expected 7.3 percent. The Vratsa branch has lowered operating expenses 2.82 percent.

By decree of the June full plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Narmag, Khoremag, and Markoop are to receive goods directly from the producers. Operating expenses will be reduced in this way.

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